

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 353

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Doug Grindstaff for his distinguished service as Chairman of the Williamson County Republican Party.

WHEREAS, the members of this body are pleased to specially recognize those energetic and talented Tennesseans who actively participate in the civic life of their community and their State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Doug Grindstaff, who served the Williamson County Republican Party as its Chairman from March of 2005 until March of 2009; and

WHEREAS, under his capable leadership, the Williamson County Republicans gained a regular conservative commentary, "The Right Stuff," in the Williamson Herald; in this and other venues, Mr. Grindstaff has persistently demanded fiscal responsibility from national leadership and advocated for the preservation of conservative values; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Chairman's Circle saw its membership double to include 115 families and the party's Get Out the Vote campaign dramatically increased voter registration in the county; Williamson County drew national attention for its remarkable Republican turnout in both 2004 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, national Republicans took note of the county party's talent and vigor; at their annual Reagan Day Dinner, the Williamson County Republicans hosted a presidential candidate; and

WHEREAS, their fundraising efforts allowed the Williamson County Republican Party to contribute over one hundred thousand dollars to candidates running for the Tennessee State

Senate and House of Representatives, helping Tennessee Republicans secure majorities in both the State Senate and State House for the first time in 140 years; and

WHEREAS, in his time as Chairman, Doug Grindstaff oversaw a host of positive developments in the Williamson County Republican Party; thanks in no small part to his leadership, local and state Republicans have achieved a high level of success; and

WHEREAS, in his professional life, Mr. Grindstaff is an independent investor; he serves on corporate boards and is an officer or board member with a number of private companies as well; and

WHEREAS, he is the former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Genesco, Incorporated, and former President of Proctor and Gamble, Incorporated, Canada; at Proctor and Gamble, Mr. Grindstaff increased sales from 750 million dollars to one-and-a-half billion dollars in four years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Doug Grindstaff was named Marketer of the Year in Canada for his performance with Proctor and Gamble; while CEO of Genesco, Mr. Grindstaff was selected as the Marketer of the Year by the Academy of Market Science; and

WHEREAS, his civic work includes service on the Board of the United Way in Toronto and as the founding Chairman of the Alliance for a Drug Free Canada, the largest non-governmental anti-drug organization in Canada; the alliance's drugs-in-the-workplace material was translated into three languages and distributed by the Organization of American States; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Nashville, Mr. Grindstaff served as a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce and headed its membership drive in 1992; he has also served on the boards of the Cumberland Science Museum and the Nashville Symphony Association; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to improving the health and well-being of his fellow citizens, Doug Grindstaff served on the Advisory Board of St. Thomas Hospital, has volunteered his time to the United Way, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Doug Grindstaff serves as a model of the engaged and energetic citizen and it is certain that any cause to which he lends his talent will flourish; one need only look to the success of the Williamson County Republican Party for evidence of this; and

WHEREAS, for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, Doug Grindstaff should be roundly applauded; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Doug Grindstaff for his distinguished service as Chairman of the Williamson County Republican Party and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.